

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure ~~19A~~ 19 shows the growth of larvae of the common cutworm, *Spodoptera litura*, fed tobacco leaves expressing avidin.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure ~~22A~~ 22 shows the growth of larvae of the cotton bollworm (corn earworm, tomato fruitworm), *Helicoverpa armigera* fed tobacco leaves expressing avidin.